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The Committee concludes that there will be no military attack on the United States or its overseas forces in the near future. Subjects of immediate concern are discussed below.

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I. Middle East

Arab forces have increased their alert posture as a precaution against an Israeli attack during the current Muslim religious holiday period. The disposition of troops on both sides is such that major offensive action could begin with very little warning. We do not believe, however, that either side will deliberately initiate hostilities in the immediate future. Despite some indications that Soviet officials have circulated rumors of impending Israeli action, the USSR evidently does not expect early hostilities and is continuing preparations for Brezhnev's critical visit to the Middle East in mid-January.

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II. USSR-Eastern Europe

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We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR or other Warsaw Pact nations.

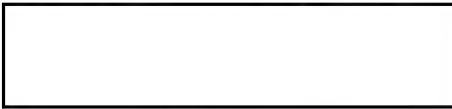
III. Southeast Asia

Generally, in South Vietnam, the Communists appear to be refitting and preparing for the next phase of combat. Communist forces have overrun several district capitals in Military Region 3 and are now threatening the capital of Phuoc Long Province. The loss of this capital would have primarily psychological rather than military impact.

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